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OPTICAL AMPLIFYING APPARATUS, OPTICAL ADD/DROP MULTIPLEXER, AND

OPTICAL AMPLIFYING METHOD

## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT RECEIVED

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 24, 2003, applicant(s) elect(s) Claims 1-9 and 23-24 of Group I, without traverse. Please CANCEL the non-elected claims 10-22, without prejudice.

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